

**LUMPKIN COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Special Called Meeting
AGENDA**

Lumpkin County Courthouse
Conference Room
Dahlonega, Georgia
September 14, 2006
8:30 A.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gooch

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

III. NEW BUSINESS

- Installation of a Trailer at the Sheriff's Office

IV. OTHER ITEMS

- Lumpkin Coalition – Hemlock Benefit Concert
- ARC Grant/Water Interconnection – Public Hearing

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

VI. ADJOURN

Chairman Gooch

Future Meetings:

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| ➤ Board Meeting – Park & Recreation Community Center | Sep. 21, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. |
| ➤ Public Hearing – Park & Recreation Community Center | Oct. 05, 2006 at 8:45 a.m. |
| ARC Grant/Water Interconnection | |
| ➤ Work Session – Park & Recreation Community Center | Oct. 05, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. |
| ➤ Board Meeting – City Hall | Oct. 19, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. |

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE
LUMPKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

September 14, 2006

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gooch called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m. Stephen Gooch, John Raber, Deborah Hutcheson, Clarence Stowers and Marvin Martin were present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

***Motion:** Commissioner Stowers made a motion to amend the agenda to include discussion of the City's Letter concerning HB 489. Marvin Martin seconded the motion, which was approved by all district commissioners. Motion carried.*

NEW BUSINESS

Installation of a Trailer at the Sheriff's Office

Sheriff McClure said the trailer is needed due to office space requirements for the Victim's Advocate and NOA Counselor. The Sheriff was able to purchase a used two-office educational trailer for \$3,500.00 from forfeiture funds. He has obtained a permit from the City and plans to include a privacy fence on the side facing the road and views this building as temporary. Sheriff McClure views the best permanent solution to be putting the two advocates in the new Judicial Building, or in Annex A or B.

Commissioner Hutcheson said the Sheriff's first step should have been to contact the board because the board is responsible for County property. She asked how forfeiture funds are handled and noted that they do not go into the General Fund. The Sheriff said forfeiture funds must be used for law enforcement and are deposited in an interest-bearing account, which is audited every year. The Sheriff uses some of this forfeiture money towards buying used vehicles to replace those that are wrecked.

Commissioner Stowers said his only concern about the trailer is that it needs to blend in with the environment. Otherwise someone will have a complaint about the trailer.

Commissioner Raber said he had not known about this trailer in advance but wants to go on record that he approves of the trailer being used. Commissioner Hutcheson said in future she wants the board to be notified when changes to County property are considered because of questions that will be asked of board members. Chairman Gooch said he wanted to remind everyone that County property is not allowed to be altered without approval of board.

***Motion:** Commissioner Raber made a motion to approve the installation of the trailer at the Detention Center. Commissioner Stowers seconded the motion and all district commissioners approved the motion. Motion carried.*

The Sheriff mentioned that at the end of October the City is approving \$67,000.00 to go to the Sheriff's Department to hire an officer with equipment.

***Motion:** Commissioner Hutcheson made a motion to send a letter to all elected officials, quoting Georgia law, that the board is the governing authority and must give permission to make structural changes to any facility or property. The motion failed for lack of a second.*

City's HB 489 Service Delivery Letter

The City is asking the County to set up a tax district. The County Attorney said before any decisions are made regarding the City's letter that board members should review service delivery strategy. Chairman Gooch wants the whole service delivery strategy issue to be opened up. He said that now is the time to talk about it.

***Motion:** Commissioner Stowers moved to approve sending a letter to the City saying that County staff is studying the service delivery strategy issue. Deborah Hutcheson seconded the motion. Commissioners Raber, Hutcheson, Stowers and Martin approved the motion. Motion carried.*

OTHER ITEMS

Lumpkin Coalition – Hemlock Benefit Concert

***Motion:** Commissioner Martin made a motion to send a letter to the Lumpkin Coalition refusing the Coalition's request for a special two-day festival alcohol permit. Clarence Stowers seconded the motion and all district commissioners agreed. Motion carried.*

ARC Grant/Water Interconnection – Public Hearing

The Chairman pointed out that a new application from the GMRDC must be submitted to ensure that all documents are in agreement. He wanted to alert the other commissioners that he would sign this document.

A Public Hearing has been set for October 5, 2006, 8:45 a.m., at the Park and Recreation Community Center, just before the regular work session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The County Manager gave an update on Fire Station #4.

The Chamber of Commerce is working on the SPLOST committee to promote SPLOST.

Chairman Gooch said that he and Mayor Gary McCullough met with DOT regarding the use of mitigation credits.

ADJOURN

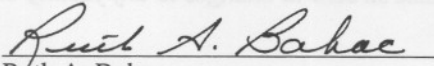
Chairman Gooch called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:29 a.m.

***Motion:** Commissioner Stowers made a motion to adjourn which Marvin Martin seconded. All district commissioners approved the motion. Motion carried.*

9-21-2006
Date


Stephen W. Gooch, Chairman
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners

Attest:


Ruth A. Bohac
Clerk, Lumpkin County